

# County of Los Angeles CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, SECTION 2.18.022, RELATING TO THE DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)

(3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

Approve the attached ordinance amending Title 2 of the Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.18.022, relating to the delegation of authority to the Director of Public Works to transfer storm drain improvements and drainage systems to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to amend Title 2 (Adminstration) of the Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.18.022, relating to the delegation of authority to the Director of Public Works to transfer and convey storm drain improvements and drainage systems, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles and all special districts for which the Board of Supervisors is the ex-officio governing body, to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

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This action provides for the facilitation of the transfer and conveyance of storm drain improvements and drainage systems into the County Flood Control system for operation and maintenance. The transfer and continued maintenance of storm drain improvements and drainage systems by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District provides for public health and safety to residents and visitors to the County.

#### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) by facilitating the process of transfer and conveyance of storm drain improvements and drainage systems to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Maintenance of storm drains and drainage systems, which have been accepted into the District's flood control system, are funded with District funds. There is no increase in net County cost as a result of the transfer and conveyance of these facilities.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 13-3/4 of the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act authorizes a public agency that has constructed or acquired a storm drain improvement or a drainage system to request the Los Angeles County Flood Control District accept the transfer and conveyance of the improvement or system from the public agency. Further, Section 13-3/4 authorizes the governing body of a public agency to assign a designee to act on its behalf regarding the transfer and conveyance of any such storm drain improvement or drainage system to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

The proposed ordinance has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed ordinance is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the State of California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. The proposed ordinance is an administrative activity of government, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

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## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Introduction of the attached ordinance will facilitate the transfer and conveyance of storm drains and drainage systems providing greater public health and safety to residents and visitors of the County and does not have an adverse impact on County services.

#### CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of the letter and ordinance to Public Works, Land Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

c: County Counsel

#### **ANALYSIS**

An ordinance amending Title 2 - Administration of the Los Angeles County Code, to delegate authority to the Director of Public Works to transfer storm drain improvements and drainage systems, on behalf of the County and the Special Districts for which the Board of Supervisors is the ex-officio governing body, to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

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Property Division

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01/10/06 (requested)

11/14/07 (revised)

An ordinance amending Title 2 (Administration) of the Los Angeles County Code, related to the delegation of authority to the Director of Public Works to transfer storm drain improvements and drainage systems, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles and the Special Districts for which the Board of Supervisors is the ex-officio governing body, to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1**. Section 2.18.022 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 2.18.22 Transfer, conveyance, and acceptance of storm drain improvements and drainage systems.
- A. Pursuant to the authority by Section 13-3/4 of the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act, the Director of Public Works is herby authorized to act on behalf of the County of Los Angeles and all special districts for which the Board of Supervisors is the ex-officio governing body, to transfer and convey storm drain improvements or drainage systems, including the underlying easements or other property rights, to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, in accordance with the provisions of said Section 13-3/4. The Director shall report all transfers to the Board of Supervisors within 30 days of the end of the County fiscal year.
- B. Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 13-3/4 of the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act and by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the Director of <u>Public Works</u>, acting as the chief engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, is hereby authorized to

accept the transfer and conveyance of storm drain improvements and drainage systems on behalf of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, in accordance with the provisions of said Section 13-3/4 and Resolution. The Director shall report all acceptances to the Board of Supervisors within 30 days of the end of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's fiscal year.

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